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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 27, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.